WHEREAS, America, and the State of South Dakota as an integral part thereof, must keep apace with the ever advancing and changing industrial techniques of production that are essential in maintaining world leadership in the betterment of life for all peoples, and the development of this State's skilled craftworkers is of vital importance to the continued economic growth of our State and our Nation; and,

WHEREAS, The challenges presented by growing scientific and technological knowledge, accompanied by growing demands upon limited natural resources require a concomitant growth in the versatility and competence of South Dakota's skilled craftworkers; and,

WHEREAS, The Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training of the United States Department of Labor seeks to help achieve, through cooperative effort, a highly skilled work force capable of meeting the State's and the Nation's economic and security goals; and,

WHEREAS, The Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training brings together and stimulates those responsible for training to provide equal opportunities for all qualified individuals to acquire needed skills without regard to race, creed, sex, age, ethnic origin, or physical handicaps, thus increasing the employment opportunities, earning abilities; and economic security of the individual worker; and,

WHEREAS, The National Apprenticeship Act was approved on August 16, 1937 (50 Stat. 664):

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of August, 1977, as

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in South Dakota, and I urge South Dakota's employers and union organizations which are not now training apprentices to take appropriate steps to assure the development of skilled workers in every local community, and I urge those which are now training apprentices to strengthen and expand their program. I also request the South Dakota State Department of Labor and other appropriate State agencies, and I invite local governments and organizations, to participate actively in the observance of National Apprenticeship Month.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 6th day of July, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Seven

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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